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Grand Island Employees Recognized as DHHS Employee and Supervisor of the Year; October is Nebraska State Employee Recognition Month

Lincoln – Two Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employees from Grand Island were recently recognized as employee and supervisor of the year.

Susan Jensen, a child care services inspection specialist, and Rhonda Sherman, an associate director of nursing at the Grand Island Veterans' Home (GIVH), were recognized as an employee and supervisor of the year, respectively.

October is Nebraska State Employee Recognition Month. State agencies are allowed to select one employee and one supervisor of the year for every 500 people employed by the agency.

The employees will be honored Tuesday, Oct. 28, with a reception at the Capitol Rotunda, a reception at the Governor's Residence and a DHHS recognition at the Embassy Suites.

"It is a true honor when someone is nominated by their peers for this recognition," said Kerry Winterer, DHHS CEO. "These employees and supervisors are clearly an inspiration to the people they work with and the people they serve. They are role models for all of us."

Jensen, who works for DHHS' Division of Public Health, was nominated by her fellow employees for her "devotion to the care and well-being of children," and her "dependable knowledge and expertise on child care regulations." Those who nominated her said, "The children are always her final focus and they benefit greatly from her dedication."

Nomination forms for Sherman noted her strong leadership of her staff and the changes she has implemented that allow the staff to better serve GIVH members. Sherman's peers said she has "made great strides in her goals of retention, education and empowerment" and she shows "fairness, consistency and compassion in her treatment of staff."

GIVH is one of four Veterans' Homes run by DHHS' Division of Veterans' Homes.

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